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SUBJECT: US-USSR S&T AGREEMENT: MICROBIOLOGY (01.0703)

1. DR. LEISE REQUESTS THAT THE FOLLOWING LETTER BE SENT TO
SHENDEREY, WITH COPY TO INASHVILI.

DR. YE. R. SHENDEREY
CHAIRMAN, USSR SIDE OF THE JOINT WORKING
GROUP ON THE PRODUCTION OF SUBSTANCES BY
MICROBIOLOGICAL MEANS
MAIN ADMINISTRATION OF THE MICROBIOLOGICAL INDUSTRY
COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF THE USSR
III-1293
MOSCOW, USSR

DEAR DR. SHENDEREY:

WE ARE PREPARED TO RECEIVE DR. KOZLOV IN DR. DUBNAU'S LAB-
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ORATORY AS YOU HAVE PROPOSED. IN ORDER TO COMPLETE
ARRANGEMENTS FOR HIS VISIT, HOWEVER, WE NEED TO KNOW WHEN
AND WHERE HE WILL ARRIVE IN THE US AND THE LENGTH OF HIS
PLANNED STAY HERE. THIS INFORMATION WAS OMITTED BY DR.
KOZLOV ON HIS BIOGRAPHICAL DATA SHEET, WHICH WE HAVE
RECEIVED.

IN YOUR 9 MARCH 1978 LETTER TO DR. LEISE, YOU PROPOSED A "RECEIVING-SIDE PAYS" AGREEMENT, LIKE THAT OF THE CHEMICAL CATALYSIS WORKING GROUP, FOR THE SUPPORT OF EXCHANGE SCIENTISTS UNDER THE MICROBIOLOGY PROGRAM. YOU INDICATED THAT THIS WOULD BE THE PRINCIPLE FOR PAYMENT OF DR. KOZLOV'S VISIT TO THE US. IN THE PROTOCOL OF THE FIFTH JOINT WORKING GROUP, SIGNED IN JANUARY OF 1977, AND IN YOUR LETTER OF 21 NOVEMBER 1977 TO DR. LEISE, HOWEVER, YOU AGREED TO THE PRINCIPLE OF "SENDING-SIDE PAYS." EITHER OF THESE ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUPPORT OF EXCHANGE PERSONNEL IS ACCEPTABLE, BUT, I AM SURE YOU AGREE, WE MUST ADHERE TO A UNIFORM PRINCIPLE OF PAYMENT FOR ALL EXCHANGES. THEREFORE, ALL EXCHANGES SHOULD BE EITHER ON A SENDING-SIDE PAYS BASIS OR ON A RECEIVING-SIDE PAYS BASIS. IF YOU PREFER RECEIVING-SIDE PAYS FOR ALL THE EXCHANGES, PLEASE LET ME KNOW, AND WE CAN AGREE TO THIS PRINCIPLE AND START WITH DR. KOZLOV'S VISIT. I AGREE WITH YOUR SUGGESTION THAT WE DISCUSS DETAILS OF THE SUPPORT ARRANGEMENTS FOR EXCHANGE SCIENTISTS AT THE FORTHCOMING MEETING OF THE US/USSR JOINT WORKING GROUP, AND THE AGREEMENT OF RECEIVING-SIDE PAYS CAN BE INCORPORATED INTO THE PROTOCOL.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CO-CHAIRMEN OF THE US/USSR MICROBIOLOGY WORKING GROUP BY THE COORDINATORS OF PROJECT 3 AT THEIR SEPTEMBER 1977 CONFERENCE IN YEREVAN, ARMENIA, USSR, THE US SIDE IS PREPARED TO ACT ON
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THE INVITATION OF DR. N. D. LOMOVSKAYA, VNII GENETIKA, TO RECEIVE A US SCIENTIST IN HER LABORATORY FOR UP TO NINE MONTHS. THROUGH THE ASSISTANCE OF DR. A. L. DEMAINE, WE BELIEVE AN APPROPRIATELY QUALIFIED CANDIDATE HAS BEEN FOUND WHO ALSO HAS BEEN ENDORSED BY DR. HALVORSON, THE US COORDINATOR OF PROJECT 3. THE CANDIDATE IS THOMAS RUDOLPH TROOST, WHO WILL COMPLETE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR HIS PH.D. IN MICROBIOLOGY FROM GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY IN JULY 1978 UNDER THE DIRECTION OF DR. EDWARD KATZ. PERTINENT BIOGRAPHICAL DATA ON DR. TROOST IS ENCLOSED. WE WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE A RESPONSE BY 15 JULY 1978 REGARDING WHETHER OR NOT DR. LOMOVSKAYA WILL BE ABLE TO RECEIVE DR. TROOST IN HER LABORATORY BEGINNING ABOUT 1 AUGUST 1978 FOR A PERIOD OF NINE MONTHS. A RESPONSE IS NECESSARY BY 15 JULY SINCE DR. TROOST IS COMPLETING HIS DOCTORATE AT GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY IN JULY, AND HE WILL HAVE TO CHOOSE EITHER TO WORK IN DR. LOMOVSKAYA'S LABORATORY OR TO ACCEPT A JOB IN THE US. ALSO, PLEASE INFORM ME AS TO WHETHER OR NOT DR. TROOST'S PLANS TO WORK ON GENETICS PROBLEMS OF INTEREST TO DR. LOMOVSKAYA AS DESCRIBED IN HIS DATA SHEET ARE ACCEPTABLE.

I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR RESPONSE CONCERNING THE TIMING

OF THE SIXTH JOINT WORKING GROUP MEETING PROPOSED FOR
OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER THIS YEAR IN MOSCOW.

WITH BEST REGARDS,

SINCERELY YOURS,

HELEN R. WHITELEY
CHAIRMAN, US SIDE OF THE US/USSR
JOINT WORKING GROUP ON THE PRODUCTION
OF SUBSTANCES BY MICROBIOLOGICAL MEANS

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CC:MR. INASHVILI.

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA - THOMAS RUDOLPH TROOST

BORN [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 11 DEC 2014], WASHINGTON, D.C. US CITIZEN.
BA CHEMISTRY WITH FIRST HONORS, YALE U., 1973; PHD
MICROBIOLOGY, GEORGETOWN U., 1978.
SCIENTIFIC SPECIALIZATION: STREPTOMYCETE GENETICS AND
METABOLISM.
KNOWLEDGE OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES: FRENCH AND ESTONIAN.
PROPOSED FIELD OF RESEARCH: STREPTOMYCETE GENETICS,
--ANTIBIOTIC PRODUCTION, AND REGULATORY PROCESSES
INVOLVED IN ANTIBIOTIC SYNTHESIS.
PROPOSED PROGRAM: LABORATORY OF N.D. LOMOVSKAYA,
INSTITUTE OF GENETICS AND SELECTION OF INDUSTRIAL
MICRO-ORGANISMS, MOSCOW ON PROBLEMS DEALING WITH THE
EXPRESSION OF GENES INVOLVED IN ANTIBIOTIC SYNTHESIS
WHEN HYBRIDS BETWEEN TWO DIFFERENT ANTIBIOTIC PRODUCING
STREPTOMYCETES ARE MADE.
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